

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Claims 1-4 are amended; no claim is canceled; and no claim is added herewith. Support for the present amendment can be found in the original specification, for example, in Figures 1-5, in original Claims 1-2, and in previously presented Claims 3-4. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 2 is objected to; Claims 2 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; Claims 1 and 3 were allowed; and Claims 2 and 4 were indicated as including allowable subject matter.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating allowed and allowable subject matter. By the present amendment, Claims 2 and 4 are amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as discussed below.

In response to the objection to Claim 2, it is noted Claim 2 is amended to replace “F=0.2 t” with “F=0.2 to”. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to Claim 2 be withdrawn.

In response to the rejection of Claims 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, it is noted that Claims 2 and 4 are modified to recite “= E / ON^F” and “exponential power” for clarity. Applicants respectfully submit the coefficient of the exponential power for “= E / ON^F” is “F”. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully further submit that all pending claims are definite, and no further rejection on that basis is anticipated. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

It is noted that the abstract has been amended to fix informalities and to be consistent with MPEP § 608.01(b). For example, drawing element numbers are omitted. Support for the changes to the abstract can be found, for example, in the original abstract, in Figures 1-5, in original Claims 1-2, and in previously presented Claims 3-4. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

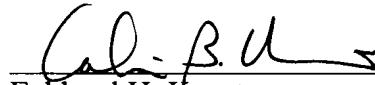
Further, Claims 1-2 are hereby amended to remove the “step” language to clarify that Claims 1-2 recite a method and should not be interpreted under 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph. The claims are also amended to address some potential antecedent basis issues. Thus, these amendments are not intended to change the claim scope and it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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